इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की नगरीय सेवायें

2582. श्री [illegible] : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री 3-8-88 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 930 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की स्वीकृत नगरीय सेवाओं के अनुरूप वायुयान उपलब्ध न होने के फलस्वरूप विमानों के निर्धारित समय से अत्याधिक विलम्ब से पहुंचने की शिकायतें बनी हुई हैं ; और

(ख) खरीदे जाने वाले विमानों की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री मोती लाल वोरा) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) यातायात की मांग को पूरा करने के लिए इंडियन एयरलाइन्स 1989-90 के दौरान 1142.23 करोड़ रुपए के विदेशी मुद्रा अंश सहित 1238.37 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत की खरीद पर, 19 एयरबस ए-320 विमान प्राप्त करेगी। अनुमानित लागत में 19 एयरबस ए-320 विमान, (फालतू इंजन), फालतू पुर्जे, भू-सहायक उपस्कर सिमुलेटर और प्रशिक्षण सहायक शामिल है।

2583. [*Transferred to the 18th Sept.,* 1988).

Death due to smoking

2584. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tobacco used in Indian cigarettes and bidis is far inferior in quality than that used in western cigarettes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the death toll per week from smoking is likely to be higher than that reported for U.K.; and

(c) whether any survey has been made on death due to smoking in the country, indicating whether these are notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The available data indicate that tar and nicotine content of Indian cigarettes and bidis is higher than in Western Countries.

(b) No comparative data is available to say that death toll per week from smoking in India is higher than in U.K. However, it is estimated that about 8 lakhs people die every year due to tobacco-related diseases in the country.

(c) No country-wise survey of smoking trends has been carried out so far. However, the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay conducted surveys on tobacco habit in the districts of Ernakulam (Kerala), Srikakulam (Andhra Pradesh) and Bhavnagar (Gujarat). As per this survey, the prevalence of tobacco habit varied from 18 per cent—86 per cent among males and 8 per cent to 6 per cent among females.

Dindigul to Madurai Broad-gauge line

2585 SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of work on broad-gauge line between Dindigul to Madurai; and

(b) when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 16 per cent.

(b) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Broad-gauge rail line between Madurai and Manmachi

2586. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plan for broad-gauge line betwe